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Behind the scenes drama of Britain's favourite soap

STARS ON THE JOB!

You won't believe your eyes!

Confessions of a fallen star

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EXPOSED! SECRE

Coronation Street is Britain's most popular TV app. Yet, according to one insider the REAL LIFE drams that goes on behind the scenes of "The Street" is more exciting than the soop itself. "You wouldn't believe the goings on", Street star Sidney Blenkinsop has told use.

Sidney first appeared in Britain's longest running soap as long ago as 1968 when viewers briefly saw him sit quietly in a corner of the Rovers Return. Since then he's become a regular appearing many times in the Rovers and on one occasion actually ordering drinks. Over the years he's got to know the stars better than anyone, and now for the first time he blows the lid off Britain's Ion. gest running soap.

Granada TV pay writers a fortune to invent storylines for the Street. But the most exciting stories of all are the ones which go on behind the scenes. Viewers simply wouldn't believe some of the episodes I've

witnessed!

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Of Britain's favourite soap

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something petty a disagreement about the script for example – but feet and furniture start flying, and is always ents up with at toest one person in hospital. If you you watch carefully you cen always apply at least one of always apply at least one of all 1 don't hink a single members of the cast has got a full set of seath left.

BUNCH

You'd imagine the cast would be a tight has friendly bunds. But I can tell you they're not. There's so much compellion for the best lines, and endless arguments about whis' going 10 say what. On set you can cut the atmosphere with a knife, and off it more of the netors, ever you'd, to eith other covers you know that the case of the netors.

FAMILY

But despite the odd disagreements the Street stars are a great banch to work with. We're like one hig family, always tooking out for each other. Like the time Roy Barraclough lost his wallet and we all stopped work to help him look for it.

If you ever think some of the plots that script switers dream up for the Street seem the fetched, you should see the kind of drama the stars get up to in real file. Hardly a day goes by without one star or another getting preparant, having a love the decided of the stars of the stars of the stars ander the stars of the stars.

Behind the scenes drama

LOVE CHILD I will pever forget the day

Chris Quinten turned un for work only to be told that Thelma Barlow, alias Mavis Riley was expecting his love shild. Sparks were flying and her on-screen husband, actor Peter Baldwin threntened to kill him. Thelma told Chris she'd ruin him unless he handed over £250,000 to bring up the child. Chris's screen wife Gail Tildey told him that Thelms would have to have an abortion, and her screen mother Audrey Roberts was taken to hospital in hysteries. All Roberts, alias actor Brian Mosley, Audrev's on-screen husband armed himself with a run and went out to shoot Ouinten, his on-screen son-inlaw, alias actor Brian Tilsley



Gail Worth, alias actress Helen Tilsley, former on sereen husband of actress Chris Quinten (alian accor Brian Tilsley).

In the end it all turned out he have been a big mistake. Sourcome had got a telphone message wrong, and nobody was progrant after all. But that was quite an episode I cm tell you. Not many people know that Prince Charles is probably Coronation Street's biggost fan. Indeed if it wasn't for the Prince of Wales there wouldn't be a Street at all.



Chades - Street was his idea

For when Granada TV first planned the series it was point to be set in a high rise block of flats called Coronation Court. But the Prince heard of their plans and wrote to them pointing out that the community spirit would be lost in an unsightly high rise building, and that elderly residents would be isolated, especially if the lifts didn't work. He suggested a traditional row of Victorian terraced houses instead. The producers agreed, and the dea of Coronation Street was born.

TOPLESS

The Street has for many years been Britain's most successful soup, however the producers panicked when the BBC's Eastenders soared to number one in the viewers' chart. They considered a number of crazy schemes to boost viewing figures. They even tried asking sexy barmaid Bet Lynch, alias actress Julie Goodyear to work topless behind the bur at the Rovers Return. But fortunately their letter to her was kist in the post. otherwise I'm sure she would have resigned in diseust.



S OF THE STREET



Several new storylines were considered and a sizzling no holds barred sex scene between Ivy Tibley and Don Brennan was filmed under tieta security. Noone was allowed on the set. but I crept to a window to take a look. It was red hot stuff, but they'd only been at it for Z or 3 minutes when the window steamed un!

FND

In the end IIV houses insisted that the scene be cut, or the programme would have to go out after 11.00 p.m. Relictantly they autreed to drop it.

ATTRACTIVE

Dirry Den was single hardedly responsible for East-enders' success. The ladies were switching to the BBC to watch him in their millions. So Street producers told actor Bernard Youens, who played Stan Ogden in the series, to lose weight in order to become more attractive to women.

DIED

But after months of unsuecessful cheting Bernard died. and the Street lost one of its brightest stars. No one can he blomed for his death, but I blame the producers.

KNOCKERS

It's easy to criticise the producers for the way they run the show. But they have a difficult job to do, and I

would never knock them. RELIEF

There were sighs of retief at Granada TV when Dirty Den eventually left Eastenders. BBC chiefs decided to have him bumped off by a gangland hit man, It was ucky for actor Leslie Grantham, alias Ditty Den character Queen Vic landlord Dennis Watts, that they did, because Granada bosses had been planning to do the inb themselves - with real bullets. They had been muking discreet enquines about the availability of a real life hit man and had already got several quotes for the job.

SOAPV

Murder might seem a little far fetched, but in the crazy world of the soaps anything can happen. And sometimes it does.

Albert Tatlock out on the wrong side of Granada basses by asking for a pay rise. When they turned him down actor Jack Howarth threatened to leave and join Eastembers instead. A week lover he was dend. TOP

Jack was just one of the many steat actors who have appeared in the Street. Many of today's top stars hegan their acting carper in the series, among them Davy Jones of pop group The Monkey



It's a tribute to the actors that the viewers often imaging characters like Rita Fairclough, Jack Duckworth and Harry Cross as being real people. Every week mail addressed to these people, and the actors who play them are often approached by funs mistaking them for their on screen characters.

PARTS

But semetimes an actor can become so obsessed which his part he can, without realising it, literally become the character he plays - 24 hours a day. It's a facinating paychological condition, only recently discovered and quite unique to soop stars who can end up losing their own identity. Unfortunately however there aren't any examples of that I cun think of

Next week: Frank Souma's Street connection, plus how desectives hunting the Yorkshire Ripper sweeped on the Reven Heurn

We're all PLUM

CRAZY!

Christmas shoopers went phim crary last year, with a record increase in sales of the fruit over previous years figures. But spending on more traditional Christmas fare has decreased, with sales of outs, dates and dementines all feeling the minch.

HARIT

Britain's eating hobits are changing," fined expert Dr Bill Smith told us. But the changes don't always

By our Fruit Carrespondent

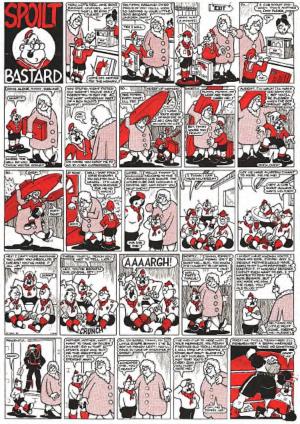
favour healthier foods. In the 3 weeks leading up to Christmas we in Britain spent a massive £240 billion on tinned shortbread. That's on incredible £4000 per head of nonulation.

CASSOCKS

*Shortbread is particularly bad for your teeth, because it has sugar on the top", said a spokesman for the British Dentists' Club of Great Britain vesterday.













Pop Exclusive: Nightmare of the star who fell from grace

After soaring to the pinnacle of pop success in the early seventies, organist Barry Rogers' career fell apart. Success, fame and fortune went to his head, and like so many stars before him Barry fell foul of temptation, and ended up another drug casualty. Unemployed, penniless and almost on the brink of

Now, with help from family and friends Barry is on the road to recovery. And he plans to re-launch his career in the nineties. But here, for the first time, Barry tells the exclusive story of his fall from grace. so that if nothing else, it will help prevent the youngsters of today from making the same mistakes.

SLOG

"It took me ten years of hard slag to eventually become an overnight success in the music business. I'd been playing the organ since I was 27, and it wasn't until 10 years later, in 1981, that I eventually made an impact.

FORTUNE

The resident organist at our local club was off sick, and I offered to accompany the drummer that evening for the 'Come As You Please'. I was an instant hit, picking up £20 for the one gig - a fortune in those days. Later the Social Secretary took me to one side and effered me the job of resident organist, playing six nights a week. That was it. I was in the hig time.

TEMPTATIONS

Those were great days. But already the temptations were there. I'd always been a teetotaller, but now total strangers would offer me drinks. I was gradually drinking more and more. On one occasion I had one pint in my hand, and another sitting on top of my organ. I was drinking like confetti. Two, three and even four pints a night.

STYLISTICS

It wasn't long until I started to get headaches, and occasionally an upset stomach. One morning it was really bad and I decided to take some Alka-Seltzer just to get me through the day. 'Just this once', I told myself as I dropped the tablets into a



Barry (above) seen in his heyday, and (right) as he is today.

lass of water. But that was it. glass of water, non took on the I'd already got one foot on the slippery slope.

FOUR TOPS

The whole life of a ton musician is geared to late nights, drinking and an unbealthy diet. I'd finish work, go to bed, get up and go hack to work. I'd be on stage at night, grabbing a quick bite to eat during the bingo. Soon my stomach began to suffer badly.

TAVARES

One night another musician was taking Rennie in the dressing room. He had a spare nucket and gave them to me. I was desperate, so I took them. For a while they worked, but then the effects began to wear off. So I tried other antiacids: Bisodol, Remigel and Milk of Maenesia. I'd eo on stage full of them. At times I didn't know what time it was.

PARACETAMOL

In the bectic world of showbusiness drugs are all around you. The bar maid would give me Paracetamol for my headaches, or occasionally Salphadeine. I sent my wife to the chemists for the fresh supplies. and she came back with a

By BARRY ROGERS

*In an interview with Brian Shite

nacket of Nurolen. There must have been 12 tablets in that packet. Within three months they had all gone, I was at the stage where I couldn't go anywhere without drugs indigestion tablets, my nasal decongestant, eye drops and antihystamines for my allergy to cats.



Half my problem was that I was working too hard. When you're a success in the music business, everyone wants a part of you. The offers came flying in, and I simply didn't know when to say 'no'. One night the Secretary asked me if I'd like to work Sunday lunchtimes for an extra £15. Like a fool I took it on. I was working non-stop - often going 16, 17 or 18 hours without sleep.

VALIUM

I was worn out - totally exhausted. At weekends I would drink a can of heer to help me refax. My wife had been prescribed vallum some years earlier, and one night I almost took some of that. Thank God I couldn't find the bottle.

BENOLYN

I was in a terrible state. If there were colds going around, I'd catch one, My peckets were jammed with menthol sweets - Tunes, Lockets, you name it. I bought expectorant medicines, for my threat, I was rarely seen without a teaspoon full of Benalyn in my hand. Friends began to notice the change in me. I was coughing, sneezing and my nose was redMy work was suffering too. Eventually came the big blow. I'd missed two weeks work with a sore throat and slight temperature, and got back only to be told I was finished. Kanut. Ed been sacked. My career lay in rains. It was then that I realised I simply had to do something, or I was going to end up face down in the gutter somewhere - just another drug statistic.

HELP.

I decided to seek professional help, and made an appointment to see my local G.P. He took one look and immediately asked me to sit down. I knew then that I was on the road to recovery. Gradually I began to rely less and less on drugs.

ABBEY ROAD

Novadays I don't touch drugs at all, apart from a brief relapse last year when I was prescribed Imedium for a bout of diarrhoea. I'm now faced with the daunting task of rebuilding my shattered career. I practice on my organ 8 hours a day and have mastered most of the current pop hits.

SGT. PEPPER

But as I listen to the youngsters of today, stars like Kylie Minogoe and Jason Donovun, I hope and gray that they won't make the same mistakes that I did all those years ago when success came knocking at my door.

Next week: My Sex Nightmare. Barry reveals all about the groupies, the gang bangs and all the other pop stars he shagged.





IT'S CHOP OF THE POPS!

Pop Shop Cropped in Top Pop Chop Lop Shock

The BIG NEWS in this issue's Top Ten is that the amount of space taken up by the Pop Page has been considerably reduced due to the inclusion of a separate item about our

'Ton of Money' prize. And the pop stars and artists competing for publicity in the Top Ten chart are understandably annoved and disappoin-

ted. The inclusion of the extra feature. headed 'Lucky Ella's Won A Ton'. means an overall reduc-tion of some 35% in the amount of space available to plug the records and tapes which appear in the

Top Ten chart (right). This comes as par-ticularly bad news to bends like ONE STYLE MDV who, with an unspectacular chart placing at No. 7, rely on us giving the address from which their record is available to boost sales. However, in

this issue there simply isn't room. And even more disappointed will be bands like MR BROWNSTONE, AC-CIDENTAL POETRY, ME AND DEAN MARTIN

and DICKY HART who failed to make the chart and don't receive any mention at all. Several luckier stars who made the grade were

up in arms when we told them the pop feature was being shrunk. DAVE FARMBOROUGH was outraged when he heard the news, "I'm even



CRAMPS have got their picture on the page", he fumed. "I paid £5 more than them, and in the circumstances you'd think my picture would have been used instead".

Even more disappointed were London's WELL LOADED. Their photo failed to appear despite their single, "Place To Rest" being this issue's No. 1.

I'm bitterly disappointed", said ANDREW TAIT. "I had hoped to give the price and the address from which my tape is available". Fortunately Andrew has also taken out a classified ad in the back pages of Private Eve, so determined fans will eventually be able to obtain the

cassette.

Sebastian Wocker of THE 'A' TEAM wasn't complaining about his lowly No. 10 placing. "I don't really want too much publicity", he told us. "Arsenal have refused permission to use their name on our record and I may face a law suit as it's already in the shops"

WELL LOADED \$69.00 Place To Rest/Sun Don't Shine OVERSONE DAVE FARMEROUGH £55.00 Keep Me Alixe WINDSTONE STREET THE CRAMPS Bikini Girls With Machine Guns £36.40 She Made Everything Grocky GROOVE FARM Plug (The Story So Far) KATRINA & THE WAVES Rock 'n' Roll Girl ONE STYLE MDV Jump For Joy LA. BLUES BAND Double Glazing ANDREW TAIT **Aphonisongs** THE 'A' TEAM 29.99 Arsenal Rap

It's the Chart with a Heart

LUCKY

Lucky Ella Wilcock of Rickenhead had her hands full the day she walked into her local newsagents in Liverpool and asked for a copy of Viz. As well as her favourite magazine Ella was also handed a TON of money.

INCREDIBLE

Fortuitous Ella, 19, staggered home with an incredible £2,500 in cash after becoming the millionth customer to buy Viz that day, or something like that. She had queued for hours outside Supa-Clgs' at Liverpool's Central station along with hundreds of other Viz fans



hoping to snap up a copy of the Tenth Anniversary issue. "I don't usually buy the magazine", she told us, "but I'm certainly glad I did on this occasion. And I'll be placing a regular order from new en"

PRIZE

Supa-Cigs manager Mr N. Farrell, who also stocks a wide range of newspapers, tobacco and confectionery products in his bright, friendly, city centre store, was delighted to see one of his customers scoop the prize. "My customers always leave the shop smiling", he told us.

JACKPOT

Ella hasn't decided how she'll spend her jackpot yet. but her immediate priorities are a new house, a new car and an exotic holiday in the Carribean.



THE FAITHFUL BORDER BIN LINER







































If it's exciting, Put it in writing! I was interested to read Mr

I hit man's erection with hammer

The other day my next door neighbour erected a brand new greenhouse in his gar-den. Immediately I took a sledgehammer and smashed it to pieces.

As I explained to the police, how can anyone be so irresponsible - surely my neighbour has heard of the effect of greenhouses on the ozone layer.

Martyn Pitt Gloucester

I was convinced my husband was having an affair with his secretary, as he often returned home late from work So I confronted him.

I felt such a fool when he reminded me he doesn't have a secretary - he's a bus driver, and had been working evening shifts.

Mrs C. Kettledrum

Vocabulary criticism

My 2 year old son fell in the park, grazing his knee quite badly. "Bums", exclaimed the cheeky scamp

Imagine my surprise when a passing gentleman scolded him, saying that bad lan-guage is the last resort of a limited vocabulary. How ridiculous. What choice of words does a 2 year old have? The silly old fucker.

P. McLavin E BRITTH BRITTH

Tailor Shop Joke



LETTER BOCKS PO BOCKS 1P7 NEW ASEL ON TIME

Things today aren't as well made as they used to be. I have owned the same mop for over 40 years. In all that time it has only required three new heads, and two new handles.

J. Aldbury Oldbam

Where were you?

It seems that everyone can remember what they were doing when President Kennedy was killed, but what about Harry Worth? He died only last year, and it would be interesting to hear whether readers can recall how they were occupied at the time.

J. Askew Lincoln

I am sick up to the back teeth with lefty do-gooders lecturing us about the environment. In my day people were too busy earning a living to worry about such things. The problem with people today is that they have everything too easy Major Percy Reid

Berwickshire

Marvellous memories

I remember the Coronation in 1953. We kids had a marvellous time at our street party. Wouldn't it be nice if the Oueen died so that we could have another. J. Askey

Bournemouth



Blackett-Ord's experience (Viz 38) when he mistook his slipper for a beetle. Sitting listening to a record,

I noticed something move on the floor in front of me. I reached down to pick it up, only to find out it was my foot!

I had been tapping it in tune to the music. R. Emmerson

Kent How about a picture of a bird dancing with her tits

out?

Tom McArthur Bolton



*Here you are Tom. Happy to oblige. Do any other read have special requests? Write and tell us what YOU'D like to see on Britain's brightest letters page.



so-called 'magic' is a total fraud. After all, if he was a real magician he could just say "Aller oop!" and grow a full head of hair.

Tony Pickles Burton-on-Trent

Make your minds up

These so-called 'experts' make me sick. First they tell us old folk to keep warm. then they complain that the world is getting too hot be-cause of this 'greenhouse' effect. Why don't they make up their minds.

J. Alden Market Harborough

Why not put the price of Viz up? £1 is a much rounder figure, and readers will no longer have to hang around draughty newsagents shops waiting for change from their £1 coin.

Mr L Coxhall Bedford

'That's an interesting idea, Mr Coxhell.

I have recently noticed that, during the evenings it gets dark, but come the following morning it is light again. Are we witnessing the greenhouse effect already M. Peters

West Ham

AVOID jet lag by simply tak-

ing an earlier flight, thus arriving fully refreshed and on time.

Sgt. R. J. Crowe 662 Squadron, Germany

PUT A STOP to car thieves by syphoning off all your petrol whenever you park your car, and carrying it round with you in one or two plastic buckets.

D. Griffiths

USED matchsticks, when sharpened with a penknife, are ideal for picking up small pieces of cheese, or cocktail sausages.

S. Jones Edinburgh

DON'T throw away odd pieces of string which are to short. Knot them together to produce a new and useful piece of string.

Sam Evan Shropshir

ROBIN HOOD 'FRO TIPTON'-CLAIM EXCLUSIVE By our West Midlands

Modern historians are divided over the popular! legend of Robin Hood. Some believe it is based on historical fact, while others dismiss it as pure fiction.

> But recent research has east new light on the subject, and



MAKE your neighbours think you've had a house fire by blackening your windows with shoe polish, and throwing your matresses out into the garden. F. Lee.

Manchester

SAVE time and hot water in the morning by popping your cold, damp facecloth into the microwave. P. Wilson

Troon AMUSE your children by dressing up as a circus clown

and performing card tricks over breakfast. I. Beadle Dartford

PREVENT your cold from spreading by placing a stout paper hag over your head. When finished with it, don't throw the bag away. It will be ideal for storing odd bits and nieces.

S. Evans Ruddington A WIRE paperclip, unfol-

ded, is ideal for picking up small pieces of cheese and cocktail sausages. S. Jones Edinburgh

B. Reedsmouth Hawick TAKE a tip from bank rob-

bers. Leave the engine of your car running when going into a shop to buy frozen vegetables. Making a 'quick get-away' will reduce the risk of them thawing before you get home. Mrs G. Walton

PUT BLUE food colouring

into your drink at the pub.

Invariably people will ask you what you're drinking

and the liklihood of your

drink being stolen when you

visit the toilet is greatly re-

Auced.

Holmfirth

Correspondent Hugo Guthrie was recently appointed Senior Archivist by Tipton

Borough Council, and his subsequent research into the legend reveals that Robin and his Merry Men did live many years ago, but not in Sherwood Forest, According to Mr Guthrie's findings they lived 50 miles away. near Tipton in the West Midlands. WOOD



There was a small wooded area south west of Tipton called Gornalwood", Mr Guthrie explained. "In medieval times this was the home of Robin Hood and his band of merry men. Contrary to popular misconceptions, all Robin's adventures took place in and around the Tipton area, in places like Dudley, Sedgley and Kings-winford." CASTLE

According to Mr Guthrie. Robin's arch enemy the Sherriff of Nottingham didn't exist. "Nottingham is a corruption of the word Netherton, a small town termiles south of Tinton. It was there, at Netherton Castle, Robin was often held prisoner by the evil Sherriff of Netherton And it was here also that he later met and married Maid Marion. who was from the West Bromich area".

HAMPER Unfortunately nothing remains of the castle, and all records of its existance have been destroyed over the years. Indeed Mr Guthrie's research has been hampered by a lack of historical evidence. "Many of the records dating from that period have been lost. In medieval days local councils were notoriously bad at record keeping. And in any case Oliver Cromwell burnt them all", he told us. So Mr Guthrie has had to rely heavily on word of mouth. talking to many locals and old folk in the Tipton area. "Many old people produced photo albums and scrap books which were invaluable to my research", he told us,



Unlike Netherton Castle, a small forest still stands at Gornalwood, and Mr Guthrie believes he has pin-pointed the exact tree that Robin Hood lived in. "I'm afraid the legend of the Major Oak is a load of rubbish", he told us. The actual tree is a small conifer, but it has great historical significance and should become a popular tourist attraction PICNIC BASKET

As Chairman of the Tipton Tourist Committee Mr Guthric is only too well aware of the commercial potential of this new found heritage. And plans are afoot to build a Robin Houd Visitors Centre adjacent to the historic tree on land which, ironically, is owned by Mr Guthrie's brother-in-

DEVELOPMENT

"I can see this development bringing flocks of tourists to Tipton in the nineties", said Mr Guthrie, who plans to celebrate the official opening of the Robin Hood Heritage Centre with a 'Robin Hood Weekend'.

BIG STICKS

Visitors to Tipton will be able to enjoy traditional medieval morris dancing by the Stourbridge Stompers, an archery display by the West Midlands under 25s 1986 longbow champion Ron Pilkington, plus a full scale re-enactment of the historic fight with big sticks between Little John and Robin Hood, which took place on a narrow footbridge over the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal.





HOW GREEN A

The nineties are set to become the 'Green Decade' as we all become more aware of environmental issues. But do we?

Are you environment friendly? Do you care about the trees and plant life, or are flowers strictly for pansies? Do you agree with the growing number of people who fear that the earth's natural resources are being systematically exhausted to the irrevocable detriment of the environment, or don't you give a wank?

Here's your chance to find out. Just answer these key questions on the vital environmental issues, then tot up your score to find out just how GREEN you really are.

Whilst driving in the countryside you notice someone emptying drums of sulphuric acid into a stream. What would you do? a. Join in the fun by emp-

tying the contents of your car battery and watching the fish float up to the top. b. Ignore them. It's none of your business.

c. Clamber abound a precarious rubber dineho and try to position your-

self between the drams and the stream.

Whilst travelling on a bus you notice that the vehicle is pumping out toxic fumes into the atmosphere. What would you do? a. Light up a cigarette. put your feet up on the

sear in front of you sit back and enjoy your ride. b. Make a mental note to travel by electric train next

c. Slap the driver and scream hysterically, refusing to pay your fare until the line is converted to run on ozone free fuel.

Whilst on holiday in 3 Brazil you notice a western developer attempting to ignite a rain forest. but his matches are damp. How would you react?

a. Lend him

 Lend him your cigarene lighter and some rolled up newspaper to get the fire going. b. Ignore him. There's plenty of trees in Brazil -

so what if he wants to huen a few. c. Paint your face, take off your shoes and spend a week-end with a tribe of Amazonian Indians before returning to Britain, gaine on Wogan, and making some crappy records. Then buy a house in California for seven million quid.



4 Whilst gardening you notice your next door neighbour working on his car. A trickle of oil is heading towards the gutter. What would you do?

a. Smile politely and continue spraying your shrubbery with a cocktail of Agent Orange, DDT and various inclustrial strength weed killers. b. Don't worry about it. It

will be drained away inso the sea eventually.

c. Use your garden hosepipe to fashion a makeshift baam with which to contain the rapidly spreading slick

Find out if you are environment friend



before alerting the emerover the garden fence,

gency services who will mount a massive Torrey Canyon' style clean-up operation.

5 During the night you are awoken by the sound of your neighbour attempting to dispose of his fridge. What would you do?

a. Get up and lend him your hacksaw to help set through all the pipes at the back. b. Turn over and pretend

to be asleep. It's none of your concern. The ozone layer is very big and it's only a small fridge any-

c. Dash out into the gardon and deliver a closely argued and cogent lecture

illustrated with slides and an overhead projector, on the dangers of CFC's and associated chemicals, before making a citizen's arrest and handing your neighbour over to the authorities in the morn-Ino.

6 You visit a well known fast food take away and parchase a Big Mac, six Chicken McNaggets with Barbecue Sauce, Regular Fries and a Filet-o-Fish. After eating your delicious meal what do you do with the convenient, attractive packaging

u. Pull it into pieces and scatter them along the street. Any remaining bits can be burnt in your back. garden along with old foam filled settees, plassic footballs, old tyres or the dashboard out of an Austin Princess, which you may happen to have lying around.

b. Leave it on the table to be disposed of by a member of the attractive, friendly and well paid staff.

c. Encase it in concrete and negotiate with the French Government to have it sent into space on the European rocket



YNII?

7 You arrive home one rainy day and notice you don't have anywhere to put your umbrella. How would you solve this tricky problem?

a. Go on a safari holiday to Africa and shoot a family of elephants with a big gun. Then choose the best sized elephant's foot and hack it off to make an attractive umbrefia stand for your hallway.

Shoot only one elephant, preferably an old or sick male. You will still have four feet to choose

c. Tranquilise on elephant and ask a professional vet to surgically remove one foot only and replace it with a wonden prosthesis. The elephant won't know the difference.

After relaxing in a deck chair on Blackpool beach you notice that the sea has risen by several feet due to global warming. What would you do?

Nothing. You live on a hill so your house won't be offected. Besides, you'll enjoy the longer and hotter summers from now on. So what if Lincolnshire disannears. It's a load of crap anyway.

h. Move your deck chair back to avoid getting your feet west

c. Rush to the ice cream van and purchase a selection of ice pops, Jublies, Cornettos, Zoom and Fab 21 lollies, and throw them off the end of the pier in a frail attempt to reverse the warming pro-

Whilst retrieving 9 football your foot goes through the twelve year old felt roofing on your garden shed. You immediately suspect that this was due to cornosion caused by acid rain. What action would you take?

a. Get a quote for a brand new roof made from a more resistant material such as fuzzy blue asbestos, eveno-acrylate polymer high aluming cement or something with lead in

b. Patch up the hole yourself with a sheet of polythene and some nail Send a bill for the damage to Environmental

Secretary Cecil Parkinson before forming an adhoc protest group made up of hippies, teachers, lesbians and people with beards. Then march to Stonehenge to protest about avid rain.



10 You are visiting friends in the Belgian Congo when you notice a pair of extremely rare monkeys on the brink of extinction. What would you do? a. Shoot them, stuff their

heads and nail them above your fireplace. They'll look great.

b. Attract them by throwing chocolate, gob stoppers and boiled sweets then take some photos to show your friends after they have become extinct. c. Catch them in a big net and open your own too. Then make up some boring stories about your family, eat too much. marry a very pice American half your age and retire to a convenient tax haven

11 You go to the Post. Office to cash your giro cheque and notice that the bank notes you receive are not printed on re-cycled paper. How would you respond? a. Take the cash and

spend it on your weekly proceries - high tar cigarettes, beer and pot noodles.

b. Ask for the money to he paid in solid, sturdy, down to earth, ozone friendly ten pence pieces.

c. Take the notes, shred them, pound them in a bucket of water, and make them into solid fuel briquettes by compressing the pulp in a mould and leaving it to dry for six . months

12 You are tending your organic garden when you notice the man in the next allotment attempting to empty a large water filled bath under which you believe several snails may have made their home. You also suspect a couple of frogs might be hibernating in the bath during winter. What ac-tion would you therefore take? a. Give him a hand to tip

out the bath and he ready with your shovel to bludgeon any wildlife which may emerge. b. Take no notice, the

frogs are well capable of looking after themselves. And whose bath is it onyway?



c. Stun him with your shovel and chain vourself to the bath, then shout to a friend and ask them to summon David Bellamy or a similar attention seekine celebrity to pain vital publicity and advice.

HOW DID YOU DO?

Award yourself one point for every answer A, two points for each B, and three points for a C. 12 to 19: Disaster! The ac-

tions of irresponsible people like yourself threaten the very future of our planet. Unless your attitude to the environment changes drastically, in a few months time the earth will probably wobble off its axis and crash into the sun. Not that you would

20 to 29: Room for improvement. Your heart's in the right place. Always remember that our children don't inherit the planet, we borrow it from our ancesturs and their children before them. Try eating more organic lettuce. 30 to 36: Congratulations.

You're as green as unripe tomatoes and certain species of melon. You have a mutual love affair with this fragile earth we call our home. You love the trees and the trees love you. Award yourself an extra portion of



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out with you. Signed.



JUMLESS ...







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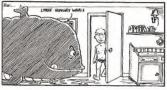
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FERGIE FADING FAST Duchess on deadly diet

There is growing concern among Royal watchers over the Duchess of York's health.

For there are fears that fitness fanatic Fergie may be losing weight too quickly.

Fernie recently checked in to a £10,000 a day health farm to shed her excess poundage and to get herself in trim for the summer. However, insiders fear that the Duchess has gone too far, and that obsessive slimming could prove a serious tireat to be health.



Indeed there are growing fears that the Duchess has already embarked upon a fatal 'Lena Zavarron' style fast after cruel jibes about her plump bottom in the gutter press.

A leading nutrionist, Doctor Alexander Crompton, confirms that if the Duches were to stop eating altogether she would loose weight rapidly. Asked what would happen if this diecontinued over a prelonged period of time, the doctor was grim-faced. "She would eventually die of starvation", he admitted.



Fergie - 'death diet'.

Significantly Buckingham Palace refused to comment on the condition of the Duchess, other than to say that he was in perfectly good health. Meanwhile concerned friends of the Duke and Duchess have been seen arriving at their York home. Many were thought to be carrying hot meals, sandwiches and Baks of Soup for the Duchess.

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KER, TAILOR, SOL

By our Showbiz writers PIERS LYING and GARY RASTARD . Were it not for his Many of today's top celebrities have known what it is like to

perform less glamourous jobs. Indeed the stars instantly recognisable for their recent TV success have usually spent many years in poorly paid and at times unusual occupations before making the big time. Here's just a few of the odd ways in which today's celebrities once earned their crust.

If you had the misfor-tune to lock yourself in the public toilets of Victoria Coach Station in 1964. you'd have been in for a big surprise. For you may well have been rescued by a short, familiar figure wearing distinctive spectacles. That's because in 1964 that man with the job of maintaining those lavatory doors was none other than top TV comedian CORBETT RONNIE Toilet Door Maintenance Officer was just one of a string of part time jobs the pintsized comic took on to earn extra cash while struggling to make it in the show-biz world. Nowadays, with TV success like the Two Ronnies and Sorry to his name, and successful panto appearances under his belt. Ronnie can afford to sit back and spend his

Residents of Gran-tham in Lincolnshire never knew what to expect when visiting their local dentist. Something of an eccentric, he would often hide in a cupboard for up to five minutes before springing out to shock his baffled nationis. He was also well known for leaving a 'whoopee' cushion on his dentist's chair. And who was that now famous dentist? None other than zany TV mankster JEREMY BEA-DLE. Jester Jeremy quit dentistry in 1978 to become a full time TV funny man.

spare time pottering about in

the garden.





ALLISTAIR BURNETT has achieved a great deal in a marvellous career in news broadcasting, But it was only due to a stroke of luck that his news career got off the ground at all. In 1979 he had been working hundreds of feet above the streets of London - as a window cleaner. An alert news editor spotted him polishing the windows at the ITN offices. He was immediately offered a job as Senior Newscaster, but this came as such a shock that the luckless Sir Allistair lost his balance and fell 23 storeys. landing in a flower bed below. After a brief spell in hospital he eventually hung up his bucket and officially began work at ITN.

t's hard to imagine our senior politicians mundane, everiday jobs. But 32 years ago one of today's top Tory cabinet ministers could have been found hundreds of feet below the Houses Parliament, working on the London Underground! After a brief spell as ticket collector Deputy Prime Minister SIR GEOFFREY HOWE worked as a driver on the Victoria Line before he was sacked in 1983, after turning up for work drunk. Sir Geof frey then set is sights on a career in politics and Mrs Thatcher's right-hand man

hasn't looked back since.



SU POLLARD ignored advice from her parents and gave up a promising coreer as a Research Scientist in order to go on the stage. Former colleagues at the University of Cardiff Medical Research Institute were shocked by her decision to quit. After several years of research she was thought to have been only days away from inventing a cure for cancer. But in the end Su had the last laugh, becoming a big hit as the scatter-brained Miss Cathoart in Hi-Di-Hi.

marriage to the Queen England. PRINCE PHILLIP, the Duke of Edinburgh, would never have become a member of the royal family. He would have remained lowly Stourbridge rent collector, Phillip Tun-stall. Before he met the Queen, Phillip had been collecting rent for Warwickshire County Council for several years. During that time, he was commended for bravery after thugs had tried to grab his rent bag. Have-a-20 hero Phillip fought off the brutes, who were forced to

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Born in Cardiff, his first inh was as Butchers Boy, cvcling around the valleys of South Wales delivering sausages. He then signed apprentice forms with Port Vale football club, eventually making seven appearances, scoring one goal. Left football to return to full-time education, tak-

ing a psychology degree at York University. Two years later while working as a lumberiack in Scotland a record company executive heard him whistling and dancing to rock 'n' roll tunes. He was immediatey signed up and today he is surely Britain's brightest singing star.

Answers on a postcard please to Shakin' Stevens Celebrity CV Job Centre Visit Compatition, Viz. PO Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PT. The competition closes on 31 March 1990. The winner will be notified by post shortly thereafter. Please remember to include your name, address and the name of the job centre which you would like to visit.

CABINET MINISTER SOVERNMENT **HAD SEX WITH DO**

A bizarre sex scandal involving a leading Tory cabinet minister and a dolphin is set to rock the Government. "A bowler-hatted gent-

Mrs Edith Potter, of Bridlington, North Yorkshire, claims she witnessed a sex act taking place between the top Tory politician and the playful eight foot fish.

WINDOW

Mrs Potter was looking out of her window at the Golden Sands Rest Home, which overlooks the bny, when she spotted the dolphin frolicking in the water.

leman who had been standing on the beach, undressed and swam out towards the dolphin", claimed Mrs Potter. She claims that a sordid sex act then took place.

CLOTHES "He them returned to the beach and put his clothes back on before leaving in a

chauffeur-driven cur. seemed to be heading towards London".

Unfortunately there were no other witnesses amone the hundreds of holidaymakers on the beach at the time. However Mrs Thatcher is sure to face angry questioning from Labour MP's over this latest controversy to rock her Government's already ailing pop-

SPOKESMAN For legal reasons we are unable to name the minister

involved, however a spokesman for the Department of Health refused to comment.

Mrs Potter, who is 104, has heen resident at the Golden Sands Rest Home since 1958 when ill-health forced her to give up her job at a Teesside glue factory. In 1963 she was at the cen-

tre of the notorious 'Grev Seal Affair', when she at-tempted to bring a private prosecution against the former Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, claiming that sexual intercourse had taken place between him and several common grey seals on cliffs overlooking Bridlington Bay.

dened to hear rumours surrounding the Duchess of York's health. She is only human, and constant criticism of her figure by the gutter press has taken its inevitable toil.

We are shocked and sad-

Her figure is her business, and nobody

But her's is a very privleged position, and as a Royal it is her ob to fly the flag for Britain, A lot depends on her appearance.

After all, who wants a flabby Duchess lumbering around on state visits and regularly getting her arse stuck in car doors?

Honest John does een a favour

Honest John Burchall couldn't believe his eyes when he opened a handbag he found lying on a London street corner, it belonged to the Queen!

Inside John, who is a-heavy drinker, found the Queen's cheque book, keys, credit cards, and personal belongings including photographs, letters and a diary plus over TWO MILLION pounds in cash!

"I couldn't believe it", he told us, "I'd never seen so much money in my life". Without hesitation, John decided to return the bag andits contents to its rightful. owner. But a Guard on duty at Buckingham Palace refused him entry, and suggested John take the bag to the nearby police station.

POLICE

"The police took the bag from me and I gave them a note of my name and address. I was sure that the Oucen would at least ring me to say thanks". But after four months John has heard nothing.

AMBULANCE

"I am extremely disapointed", he told us. I wasn't looking for a knighthood - I didn't even expect a reward. Tight arsed Royals

don't even say 'Thanks'

I just thought a 'thank you' would have been nice, that's all. Mind you, there was so much money in the bag, she might have slipped me a little something for my trouble. Even if it was only fifty quid or something".

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According to John, the most valuable item he returned was probably the Queen's diary, "Inside it there were phone numbers of all the other Kings and Queens in the world, and loads of other famous people too. If she'd lost those she'd have been in a right fix".

BAG

"The more I think about it, the luckier she was that I found the bag. As well as her cheque book and credit



cards, there were several bunches of keys, among them, keys to the Tower of

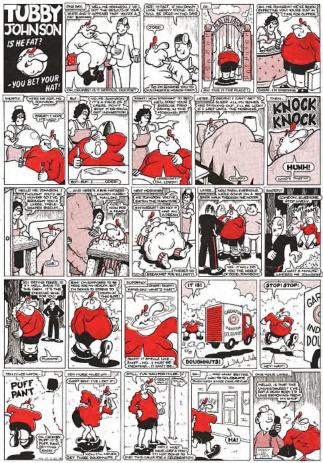
London. If they had got into the wrong hands, the entire Crown Jewels might have been stolen"

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A spokesman for Buckingham Palace suggested that Mr Burchall may have been mistaken and that the Queen had not lost her handbag. "It was probably Princess Di's then", Mr Burchall told us later.

* Rude Kid























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